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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 2873 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 122, *Packaging*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2873-1973), which has been technically revised as follows:

- a new clause on "Package preparation" has been added;
- pressure values in kilopascals have been added to the table.

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Packaging — Complete, filled transport packages — Low pressure test

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for subjecting complete, filled transport packages to conditions of low air pressure encountered in aircraft.

This method is applicable to complete, filled transport packages which are transported by unpressurized aircraft flying at 3 500 m or less and pressurized aircraft flying at any higher altitude.

2 Reference

ISO 2233, *Packaging — Complete, filled transport packages — Conditioning for testing*.

3 Principle

Placing of the test package in a pressure chamber, and reduction of the pressure to that corresponding to 3 500 m altitude. Holding of this pressure for a predetermined period after which it is permitted to return to ambient pressure. During this period, if required, the temperature may also be controlled to that corresponding to the same altitude.

The above pressure also approximates to the condition in pressurized aircraft flying at any higher altitude.

4 Apparatus

Pressure vessel, of sufficient size to accommodate the test package, and with pressure and temperature controls to meet the requirements of the procedure in clause 7.

5 Package preparation

The test package shall normally be filled with its intended contents. However, simulated or dummy contents may be used, on condition that the dimensions and physical properties of such contents shall be as close as possible to those of the intended contents.

Ensure that the test package is closed normally, as if ready for distribution. If simulated or dummy contents are used, ensure that the normal method of closure is still employed.

6 Conditioning

The packages shall be conditioned in accordance with one of the conditions described in ISO 2233.

7 Procedure

7.1 Place the test package in the pressure vessel (see clause 4) and reduce the pressure at a rate not exceeding 150 mbar/min, until it reaches 650 mbar¹⁾ ($\pm 5\%$). Maintain this pressure for the predetermined period.

1) 1 mbar = 0,1 kPa